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1. DESPITE ASSURANCES IN REFTEL B, TAROM PREPAID TICKET OFFICE REFUSED ISSUE PREPAID TICKETS FOR SUBJECT TOUR PARTICIPANTS MATEI AND DRAGOMIRESCU AS LATE AS 1200 HOURS FEBRUARY 19. TAROM CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED NO TELEX AUTHORITY TO DO SO.
2. TO ENABLE GRANTEES TO TRAVEL AS REQUIRED, POST PURCHASED 21-45 DAY EXCURSION TICKETS (ACCORDING TO ITINERARY IN REFTEL A, PARA. 2) CHARGING FISCAL DATA IN GRANT AUTHORIZATIONS. TOTAL COST: \$977.78. TICKETS WERE GIVEN TO GRANTEES AT 1400.
3. AT 1615 HOURS (AS GRANTEES WERE ENROUTE AIRPORT), EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY LOCAL LUFTHANSA OFFICE THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM TWA IN NEW YORK CITY AT APPROXIMATELY 1545 INSTRUCTING THEM TO ISSUE PREPAID TICKETS TO MATEI AND DRAGOMIRESCU. ACCORDING TO MESSAGE, TELEX AUTHORITY WOULD FOLLOW. EMBASSY ADVISED LUFTHANSA THAT TICKETS HAD ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED AND THAT TWA SHOULD BE SO ADVISED.
4. UNLESS NEW SNAGS DEVELOP AT AIRPORT DURING DEPARTURE FORMALITIES OR ENROUTE, POST ASSUMES THAT MATEI AND DRAGOMIRESCU WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FEBRUARY 20 VIA TWA 741.

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